



Scouts and Cubs Will Remember that First Banquet



Fathers and sons who attended the Boy Scout Week banquet February 12 will never forget the dinner, the program, and the ceremonies which celebrated the occasion.

Shown in the top picture (left to right) are: Robert C. Howey who presented the Life Scout award to Revere Nielsen, and James L. Dameron, Sr., who made a similar presentation to his son J.L. Dameron, Jr. Scouts Nielsen and Dameron are the first ones in the Greenbelt troop to win this high honor.

In the lower picture are E. Ralph Cross (father) and Cubscout Tommy (son), as they finished the turkey dinner.

Other pictures taken by the staff photographer may be seen at the Cooperator office.

— Photos by Fosnight

SNOW REMOVAL COSTS \$5.39 PER MILE

A total of ten road miles was cleared of snow in Greenbelt during January, at a cost of \$5.39 per mile. Harvey L. Vincent, town engineer, states that the character of the snow as a whole, rather than its depth, is the factor which determines how long it will take to clear the roads. The dry, powdery snow of January took four or five times as long to clear away as a proportionate amount of December's snowfall and the cost per mile was correspondingly higher.

More than 50 prospective home owners met with Chairman Dayton Hull for furthering building plans Tuesday.

BRADEN HIRES TEMPORARY PART TIME HEALTH NURSE

At a meeting of the town councilmen before the last session of the council Manager Roy S. Braden announced the temporary appointment of Mrs. Ruth Corder as part time public health nurse. Mrs. Corder will be on duty in the morning, from Monday to Friday, spending the first part of her time at the school working with the children and the second part on call at the public health office. The Council has not yet formulated a public health policy for the future.

Reports from the Council's transportation committee, appointed March 29, 1939, were presented by Harvey L. Vincent, chairman, and Robert R. Porter, Mr. Vincent's statement approved the cooperative transit plans submitted by Abraham Chasanow's committee to the Citizens Association February 5, and approved by that body. Mr. Porter stated that the Council's transportation committee had been appointed to study and report to the Council on all possible transportation schemes. Insisting that his was therefore not the minority report, but part of the whole committee's statement, he proceeded to outline disadvantages inherent in a cooperative plan and in one using the B. and O. Railway facilities. A municipally owned and operated system, if it could be underwritten by Farm Security Administration seemed the most practicable arrangement, Mr. Porter thought. He illustrated his remarks with a chart showing proposed bus routes through Greenbelt and Washington. He questioned the legality of the Citizens Association's acceptance of the cooperative plan, alleging that there was not a quorum present. Joseph Bargas, president of the Citizens Association stated for the Cooperator later that Mr. Porter was probably right, adding that the by-law concerning the quorum was undergoing revision.

The Council "received" both reports, making it a point not to "accept" either, pending a final decision on the transportation problem.

James L. Pinckney asked the Council to sponsor a dance to aid the Finnish Relief, and it was decided that the Citizens Association would be a more expedient channel for such action.

Harvey L. Vincent presented the monthly reports from the various departments, remarking that the town hoped to arrange with Farm Security Administration for more efficient machines to clear snow from the sidewalks.

The town treasurer's report was submitted by Milton Blum, assistant to J. W. Rabbitt.

COOPER, MILLER, SCHWARTZ ELECTED FOR COOPERATOR

Martin Miller was elected business manager of the Cooperator at a meeting of the Journalistic Club, February 14, replacing Peter J. Carroll, who has held that position for the last year and a half. To head the Cooperator for the coming semester, Donald H. Cooper was re-elected editor, while Lillian Schwartz was chosen assistant editor, replacing Ben Rosenzweig. Mrs. Schwartz also retained her position as president of the Journalistic Club, by unanimous vote.

The remaining officers of the club were elected as follows: vice-president, Betsy Woodman; secretary, Linda Maffay; treasurer, Norman Marti. It was decided that the elections go into effect immediately.

Reports were accepted from the club president, the editor, treasurer, and the committee appointed to audit the books. A committee was appointed to draft into motions various recommendations made by the auditors in the course of their report.

A motion to have a staff party some time after Lent was enthusiastically put through.

150 ATTEND SECOND ATHLETIC BANQUET

By John Maffay

The Greenbelt Athletic Club held its Second Annual Banquet last Monday night, February 19, 1940 in the School Auditorium. About 150 members and guests were present when the Rev. Kincheloe said grace at about 7:30 P.M.

At the conclusion of the first course the new president of the Athletic Club, Bill Neblett, in an eloquent speech introduced the toastmaster for the evening, Wallace F. Mabey, director of public safety. Mr. Mabey welcomed all the members and guests present, and the turkey was served and eaten to the accompaniment of recorded music.

The first entertainment of the evening was furnished by George Hall, clever ventriloquist who helped everyone's digestion with his expert manipulations of Snowball and Red Anymore. Mr. Mabey then called upon President Neblett, who in turn asked the retiring president, John Messner, for a few words. Mr. Messner hugged the microphone for dear life as he gave a resume of the past year of Greenbelt's sport activities, and made it known that the success of all these activities was due entirely to the

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7- Night Movies Begin First Week of March

The Greenbelt Theater will begin operation seven nights a week beginning the first week in March, according to an announcement issued Saturday by Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

There will be four changes in the weekly schedule. Pictures will run for two days, except for a one-day showing on either Thursday or Saturday. For the first two weeks under the new schedule, there will be a single showing on Thursday.

The Tuesday-Wednesday program will be double features, with the rest of the schedule remaining as it is now—a feature, selected shorts, and news reels.

HARRY RHODES EXPLAINS JOB OF SNOW REMOVAL

Credit for Greenbelt's justly admired snow-removal achievements belongs partly to the town's own Department of Public Works, partly to the Farm Security Administration maintenance staff.

The ten miles of streets are cleared by members of the regular staff of the Department of Public Works under Harry Rhodes, director of the Sewage Disposal Plant. Their equipment consists of a snow plow pushed by a heavy truck, and a road scraper. Whenever there is a snowfall of over two inches, the town staff strives to clear the streets by seven A. M. "Beat the traffic" is Mr. Rhodes' slogan, for after snow is packed, it is incomparably harder to remove.

Mr. Rhodes modestly calls attention to Greenbelt's enviable ratio of one piece of snow-removal equipment to five road miles. In contrast, the State Highway Department's ratio might be anywhere from 1:25 to 1:200, he says. However, to offset Mr. Rhodes' modesty, Mr. Harvey L. Vincent, town engineer, points out that the speed and thoroughness of Greenbelt's snow-removal results as much from good management as from good equipment.

Clearing the sidewalks, as a landlord's function, is handled by members of the FSA maintenance staff, using a rotary sweeper for light snow and a snow plow attached to a power mower for drifts.

HOSPITAL FINANCES LEVEL OFF

Total expenses at the Greenbelt Hospital for January were \$1,382.63; the total revenue billed during this period was \$973.75.

The revenue figure is representative of the highest income for the hospital to date. Miss Elizabeth Yuretich states that there is reason to believe that the present status will be maintained for the rest of the year due to increased operating facilities and an increase in the courtesy staff of the hospital.

In addition to medical and pediatric cases admitted to the hospital this month, there were a number of deliveries and operations.

DR. STILL APPOINTED TO MEDICAL BOARD

Dr. Joe W. Still has been appointed to the board of directors of the Bureau of Cooperative Medicine, an association which serves as a national clearing house for information, advice and guidance in group health organization. The appointment was made at the second annual convention of the association held in Chicago, February 1, 2 and 3. Each organization with membership in the Bureau has a representative on the board of directors.

Well received at the convention was a paper, "Medical Publications", prepared jointly by Doctors Samuel Berenberg, Joseph Silagy and Still of the Greenbelt Health Association. The paper outlined plans for a cooperative medical journal to be published by the Bureau.

Director of the Bureau, Dr. Kingsley Roberts, announced the formation of a non-partisan Labor Advisory Committee to assist in the development of group health plans in local unions. Members of this committee are representative of the viewpoints of organized labor. Three are connected with A. F. of L. unions, three with C. I. O. unions, and two with independent unions. Jacob Baker, president of the United Federal Workers of America, is a member.

Industrial advisory and farm advisory committees also are being formed, according to Dr. Kingsley. A medical advisory committee, composed of Doctors Hugh Cabot, John V. Lawrence, John P. Peters, Kingsley Roberts, Henry E. Sigerist, James P. Warbasse and C. E. A. Winslow, has already been formed.

The purpose of the Bureau is to coordinate all group health activity and to render assistance to all organizations interested in developing group health plans.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BUYS SUPPLIES

The Hospital Auxiliary meeting last Friday elected Helen Johnston recording secretary to take the place of Irma Volk, and moved to accept the revised by-laws.

A sum of money up to \$10 was voted for the use of Elsie Yuretich, hospital superintendent, with which to purchase baby garments and towels. These necessary items are badly needed. Eva Laakso resigned her vice-presidency in favor of performing the hospital cooking on Mondays, when Mrs. McCauley, dietitian, has her day off. Mrs. Laakso will be assisted by Katherine Rogers.

The new by-laws provide for meetings on the second Friday of each month, annual elections to take place in May.

LATTER DAY SAINTS NEWS

The Sunday evening services will feature a musical and speaking program directed by the Capital District Mutual Improvement Association.

The Relief Society of the L.D.S. Church will meet at 8 P.M., Wednesday, February 28, at the home of Afton Alder, 6-A Parkway.

HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

An interesting sermon was delivered by Alfred S. Mark at the Friday evening services of the Hebrew Congregation on February 16. This sermon was the first of a series, the titles of which have not yet been disclosed but which are being anticipated with eagerness by the members of the congregation.

The educational committee, pleased with the reception accorded its initial effort in the program of events to follow services, is planning a series of surprise programs for future services.

AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION MEETS AT SCHROM'S

On Wednesday, February 7, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association met at the Schrom Airport for their regular monthly meeting.

Herbert Berl, who presided over the meeting, is secretary of the Washington chapter which includes all of Greater Washington; Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia; and Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland.

The speaker of the evening was Ben Redfield, Civil Aeronautics Authority inspector. Mr. Redfield gave an interesting discussion on private flying, the advantages and disadvantages of conventional and unconventional planes. It is planned that Congressman Jennings Randolph will be present at the next meeting to speak on the pick-up mail service for small communities which is fast becoming popular, as well as the most economical means of delivering and collecting mail in out-of-the-way towns and villages.

At the close of the business meeting everyone enjoyed a large ice cream cake made in the shape of a trophy with a Piper Cub adorning the peak, and gilded in gold coloring.

The next meeting of the A.O.P.A. will be held at the Schrom Airport on Wednesday, March 6.



Well, I am surprised! After hearing the laments of vegetable gardeners ever since I've been here to the effect that "I wouldn't spend my time and money on trying to raise anything in that darn clay" and "I'm through with gardening in a place where the tomatoes are ripe in the morning when I pass by on my way to work and green in the evening when I come home", the vegetable gardeners have outstripped the flower gardeners already. Maybe vegetable gardening calls for doggedness even in the winter, whereas the gentler art of raising flowers has to be stimulated by the spring. Maybe most of us feel that it is more important to feed the family than to offer them "white hyacinths for the soul". I don't know. But I do know that the flower group is still in the process of getting started, while the vegetable group has its first group filled and its second on the way. Explain it if you can.

The vegetable group No. 1, headed by Mr. James C. Smith, is made up of enthusiastic (may I say fanatic since I am one of them?) members who are itching for the calendar to show the seed starting dates and in the meantime are meeting once every two weeks for interesting and instructive sessions. Mr. Helmut Bentien was elected secretary-treasurer of the group at its last meeting, and has also been appointed to the Procurement and Exchange Committee. Mr. Smith was elected for a one year term at the last meeting, and is a person well qualified for his position. As you may recall, he won the sweepstakes prize at the Fair for the best vegetable garden, and those of you who saw his garden at any time last year know what an able man he is with the hoe and fork. Group No. 2 is in the process of forming now and it is suggested that you notify Mr. Smith or Mr. Paul Lung, who is president of the Greenbelt Garden Club (the parent organization) if you want to join up with other gardeners for discussion and joint efforts in the sport which goes back to Adam.

The flower group No. 2, which is still getting under way, will fill up like lightning with the first warm days and you'd better take action now if you want to avail yourself of the leadership of the man who took the sweepstakes for flower gardens at the Fair. His advice and help and the benefit you will derive from association with others with interests like your own will be invaluable, and you're a silly not to take advantage of this opportunity if you are interested in the beautification of your home grounds. If you wait too long to call Mr. J.C. Brown or Mr. Lung, and then find Group No. 1 filled, don't blame anybody but yourself for your laziness. I'm warning you.

And another thing, if you see us on our knees on the damp ground in the next few days, digging here and there and putting dirt in little paper bags, don't call the police. We're not actually lunatics; we're just taking samples for soil testing. We don't mean we're not really crazy—all gardeners are—but we're not dangerous, we're just having fun. And this summer when you see us staggering home from the garden loaded to the gills with vegetables and flowers—well, just remember what the Little Red Fox said to the hunting dogs!



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

Back in November of 1935 there appeared in a Buffalo paper an article by Don D. Tullis entitled "If You Were God."

"A blatant blasphemer once told a crowd what he would do if he were God. It seemed a sacrilege. His boldness made it so. Quite honest folk there are who muse upon this theme. Indeed, the most of us have said to our own selves what we would do if we were God.

"At no point would our plan of action differ more than His than in the method for, and date of, the overthrow of evil.

"We are born scrappers. The field of morals is for us a battlefield. Like Peter, we would take the sword and smite the enemies of good. But militant displays result in little more than lopping off a servant's ear and bringing embarrassment to the cause we serve.

"We even put a sword in God's hand and send Him forth to war, a kingly crown to gain. He will not have it so. The coat of arms of the Eternal's House is not a nest of guns but measures full of leaven.

"John the Baptist named three tools for God to use—the axe, the fan, the fire. The axe for striking at the roots of fruitless trees, the fan for blowing worthless chaff away, the fire for burning up the evil of the world. So different was the program of the Nazarene that John inquired if this soft-spoken prophet was indeed the Messiah.

"Russell Lowell charged Carlyle with calling fire from heaven whenever he could not lay his hand upon the match box. And so do we. If we were God we would not tolerate the reign of wrong.

"And so we would act at once. God's time is slow. We wonder at His tardiness. We have an inborn urge for immediacy. This God of ours must hurry up or He will have no world to save. Thus militant reform would force the hand of heaven.

"A modern crooner sings, 'My time is your time, your time is my time,' but God's time is not our time until we make our time His time. Marcus Aurelius said, 'Nothing that comes at the right time for Thee is too early or too late for me.'

"We cannot take the place of God. We may be nothing more than hidden threads, mayhap a dash of color in His vast design. It is enough. We find our guerdon there."

134 ENJOYED COMMUNITY MEN'S CLASS BANQUET

The Community Men's Class to the number of 134 sat down to a banquet of baked Virginia ham and all the appropriate accompaniments, Friday night, February 16 in the auditorium. The event was to honor the Blues, winning team in the recent attendance contest. The Reds, doubly in the red for losing the first and run-off contests, served, (seconds in everything) and washed dishes.

Tables were decorated in the contest colors with the added touch of Mr. MacGregor's greens around the candles. R. A. Sauls, class president, acted as toastmaster for the evening's entertainment, which included organ music by William Neblett, numbers by the Men's Class Quartet, two skits, take-offs on the contest, "A Comedy in Blue" and ditto in red. Herbert Hall, Sr. played his accordion and sang, featuring his "laughing song" which proved highly infectious. Speakers for the occasion were Earl Swailes, class teacher; Roy Braden, (who also waited table); Harvey Vincent and the principal of Silver Spring High School. Rev. Robert Kincheloe was guest of honor.

Community singing in the auditorium was carried over to the kitchen where Mr. Hall furnished the accompaniment for the singing dishwashers.

Confucius say: "People who back out of milk agreement, get stuck in end."

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Birthday Ball Report

DANCE:			
Tickets Sold			
237	At the Door		\$118.50
82	P. T. A.		41.00
53	Athletic Association		26.50
35	Holy Name		17.50
28	Citizens Association		14.00
21	Community Church		10.50
18	American Legion		9.00
13	Hebrew Congregation		6.50
11	Hospital Auxiliary		5.50
6	Mat Mattson		2.00
504			\$252.00
	Refreshments at Dance		9.00
	Cloak Room (Boy Scouts)		7.86
	Total from Dance		\$268.86
MILE O'DIMES:			
	Elementary School		3.97
	Food Store		1.49
	Barber Shop		.75
	Drug Store		.78
	Post Office		.45
	Laundry and Shoe Repair		.36
	House to house by Richard Coulter and Richard Palmer		12.20
	Total from Mile O'Dimes		\$20.00
EXPENSES:			
	Music		\$60.00
	Decoration		9.50
	Advertising		2.50
	Tickets		7.50
	Total Expenses		\$79.50
	TOTAL from Dance		\$268.86
	TOTAL from Mile O'Dimes		20.00
	TOTAL receipts		\$288.86
	Total Expenses		79.50
	TOTAL PROFIT		\$209.36
	6 additional tickets		3.00
	(Holy Name)		\$212.36

The Committee takes pride in submitting this report for your approval and wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this success possible, notably Mr. and Mrs. Howey and Julius Andrus for their work on the refreshments, also the fine spirit of Richard Coulter and Richard Palmer with the Mile O'Dimes.

—The President's Birthday Ball Committee
—George O'Brien, Chairman

New Manager and Editors Plan Improvements



—Photo by Fosnight

Editor Donald H. Cooper, Assistant Editor Lillian Schwartz, and Business Manager Martin Miller are pictured here in a post-election conference on ways to improve Greenbelt's community paper.

YOUR NEIGHBORS SLIPS WON'T COUNT

The following announcement has been released by the president of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

The by-laws of the organization provide that patronage slips turned in must be only those which apply to purchases made by members of the immediate family.

Patrons who are turning in their slips now are being required to sign the following statement: "To the best of my knowledge the patronage return slips which I have turned in for my patronage return apply to purchases made only by members of my household."

Physics Class Studies Lighting

On Thursday, February 8, the Physics class of Greenbelt High School, led by Paul S. Bringle, conducted a survey of the various classrooms to determine the compliance of the lighting in the classrooms with the requirements.

Using a photometer to measure the candlepower in each room it was found that on the whole the school was sufficiently well-lighted. The class decided, however, that a few improvements might be made as to the light distribution and intensity of lighting in a few places.

Therefore each student in the Physics class wrote up a report. The two best write-ups were incorporated and submitted to the principal, Roland Sliker.

MILK BUYERS CLUB GOES INTO ACTION

The members of the Milk Buyers Club, which is associated with the Maryland Consumers Milk Committee and includes representatives from Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Riverdale, College Park, Beltsville, and Hyattsville, went into full action last week on the milk situation. The results bid fair to exceed even the optimistic hopes of the Club members.

At the first meeting, the committee drew up the agreement by which the consumers appointed the Club to act as its agent in securing a milk distributor who would submit the lowest price. Within the short space of time the committee had allowed itself, consumers representing a daily purchase of more than 300 quarts of milk had been secured, with indications that the group would eventually represent a much larger and more potent force.

All of the milk distributors selling milk in Greenbelt and the surrounding area were then invited to submit bids. The results were surprising, as a number of bids were received almost immediately, and several distributors promised to have their bids in within the next two days. Two dairies which had not been very successful in getting Greenbelt business indicated their willingness to extend the reduction in price to other dairy products, and to cooperate in reducing costs so as to keep their prices as low as possible.

The Milk Buyers Club expects to call a public meeting tomorrow night, at which time the bids will be announced and an award of the business will probably be made.

Those whom the committee did not have an opportunity to contact are urged to submit their names so that the complete list may be turned over to the low bidder and delivery at the reduced price be made possible without delay.

A burial cooperative is being considered as a practical reality by several study clubs in the Cape Breton industrial area.

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Aspirin	Bayer NF VI 5gr. --- 100-59¢	Silverline NF.VI 5gr. 100-29¢
Mineral Oil	Squibb ... California qt. 89¢	National U.S.P. Heavy qt. 69¢
Milk of Magnesia	Phillips 12 oz. 35¢	Everfresh pt. 27¢
Mineral Oil-Compound	Petrolagar pt. 89¢ with Phenolphthalein	National pt. 79¢ with Agar and Phenolphthalein qt. 1.39

HAVE YOUR MEDICINE CABINET READY FOR EMERGENCIES

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Better Meetings

The difference between short efficient meetings and long slow meetings in Greenbelt lies in the extent to which agenda are prepared beforehand and to the familiarity of both chairman and audience with the proper use of Roberts' Rules of Order.

An informal study of both regular and special sessions of some dozen organizations and groups in town during the last two months demonstrates clearly that any meeting which starts on time, moves briskly through its business or program with provision for everyone to present his or her views without parliamentary tangles, and closes early will draw a good return audience the following week or month. There is a definite trend in avoidance of meetings which bog down in a tangle of cross motions and amendments to amendments to amendments.

Democracy is often a laborious process, but its results and value are well worth the extra efforts required to make it work. Chairmen of meetings can minimize defects of democratic procedure and can at the same time "win friends and influence people" by preparing ahead of time a carefully worked out agenda of business and by studying how to use rather than misuse rules of order. On the part of the membership there is also need for studying the proper use of rules of order. Members who attend a session with the intention of proposing action can make their intentions more effective by writing their motions in advance instead of wording them on the floor or simply throwing a general idea at the audience and letting the secretary struggle with the wording. One final aid would be a demonstration of confidence in chairmen until there is some evidence that confidence is not warranted. A critical attitude is admirable but this should not display itself as outright suspicion. Give the chairman credit for trying until he has shown himself undeserving. Then put him out of office if that is necessary, but don't just heckle. It is your meeting, and not just the chairman's. Help make it a better meeting.

Greenbelt R

One of the highlights of the annual report of the Consumers cooperative recently made by Manager Sulo Laakso was the statement that two-thirds of the prescriptions filled at the drug store were written by Greenbelt Health Association physicians and required only 79 types of drugs, while one-third was written by outside doctors and required over 1,000 drugs. It should interest the Greenbelt consumer to know why this discrepancy exists and to realize its relation to the financial loss suffered in the Greenbelt Pharmacy.

Between the Health Association doctors and the pharmacist there exists a cooperation which is of value to the pharmacist, the purchaser and the doctors. The drugs put out under different brand or trade names are studied as to efficacy and cost. From this study a list is made up of the acceptable drugs which can be purchased from recognized supply houses at the least possible cost.

The local doctors make out their prescriptions from this list and thus save the pharmacist much time and money. On the other hand when there are many doctors, ignorant of the drugs kept in stock in the local pharmacy, there is bound to be added expense and work for that department because these doctors will order a brand which they happen to be most familiar with whether or not the identical drug can be purchased under a different trade name at a lower price. There are many examples of this, one of which is sulfanilamide, a widely known and used drug which is put out by one company under the name of Prontylin. The cost of Prontylin is approximately four times greater than that of sulfanilamide. Then there is vitamin B₁ of which there are at least five different preparations which have had to be stocked in the Pharmacy in order to cover the prescriptions written by different out-of-town doctors.

Under the Maryland law the pharmacist must fill the prescription exactly, even to the specified drug firm and brand name. He cannot supply the purchaser with Elixir of Phenobarbital instead of Elixir of Luminal, which costs twice as much, even though both elixirs contain the same drug.

The large and expensive inventory necessitated by

this disorganized prescribing should lead one to conclude that there should be a fairly simple way of keeping our drug department out of "the red". Mr. Laakso stated that "if all the prescriptions filled there were written by Greenbelt doctors, it would be necessary to keep on hand only 100 different drugs."

Births and Deaths

It seems from comment after last week's Cooperator appeared that few Greenbelters knew of the town ordinance which requires registration of all births and deaths within 10 days. This may help explain why we could never keep posted on news items about new babies.

Aside from the seriousness of breaking a town ordinance and being subjected to a fine for failure to report vital statistics as required, there is a lack of cooperation involved that is harmful to the public good. Without basic data on births and deaths in Greenbelt studies based on faulty records will show faulty conclusions.

Now that we are all aware of the need for complying with the ordinance, and know with what ease the report can be made by a few minutes in the Town Administration office we will be able to have reported some of those babies who still have no official recognition.

If you are as proud of your new babies as we are of ours make that report to the town clerk promptly so that the Cooperator can promptly print the announcement of your "blessed events".

Poison Ivy Club

This week's candidate for the Poison Ivy Club is the C-Block family who burn their porch light all night at the expense of their neighbors who share the bill.

THEATER FEATURES MAGICIAN

Ricardo, a sleight-of-hand magician who has performed in night clubs throughout the country, will be an added feature at the Greenbelt Theater on Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23, according to Robert Buchele, manager of the theater.

In addition to the scheduled feature, "Housekeeper's Daughter", which as usual will be shown twice each evening, Ricardo's magic may be seen once nightly at 8:45.

There will be no advance in prices at the theater on these evenings.

SEA SCOUT PATROL STUDIES NAVIGATION

James P. Birtle, Skipper, announces that the recently formed Sea Scout Patrol is attending the course in navigation offered Friday nights by the Power Boat Corporation in conjunction with the Commerce Department. The classes meet at the Department of Commerce Building in Washington.

Under their skipper, who has had ten years of training in the Navy, the Sea Scouts will practice on the Bennings Branch of the Potomac in lifesaving and power boats furnished by the Coast Guard and Navy respectively. They have named their patrol the "Ann Marie", after the power boat.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CLEAR \$17.60

Tuesday evening, February 13, the senior class of Greenbelt High School sponsored a magic show presented by Hubert the magician, of Richmond, Virginia.

Originally this class had secured the services of a team known as Ricardo and Cleo but on Tuesday morning Ricardo reported that he would be unable to conduct a show due to illness. He, however, contacted his friend Hubert, who was in College Park.

An audience of 229 turned out. Of the \$44.91 taken at the door, \$26.31 was paid to the performers and \$17.60 was retained by the class. Three dollars from each sum was paid for use of the Theater.

Mrs. Robert C. Porter informs the Cooperator, that the credit for managing the first father-son banquet for the Boy Scouts in Greenbelt should go to Mrs. John C. Gale and Charles G. Pettit.



A YEAR AGO

(From the Cooperator, February 16 and 23, 1939)

A property tax of \$2.115 per \$100 was authorized by the Town Council.....

The Town Council directed the Town Manager to proceed with a census, and passed an ordinance requiring that all births and deaths in Greenbelt be reported within 10 days.....

Greenbelt Athletic Club basketball team scored a 53-37 victory over P.W.A.....

New classes in home economics began.....

Dr. Samuel R. Berenberg began his duties as the new doctor for the Greenbelt Health Association.....

John Mesner, former Notre Dame athlete, was elected to the presidency of the Greenbelt Athletic Club.....

Greenbelt's first auto fatality occurred February 20 when Charles Taylor, father of Mrs. O.F. McGoldrick, was hit and instantly killed.....

Frank Evans addressed an inter-faith meeting held in the school auditorium February 26.....

An 80,000 word thesis about Greenbelt community life has been completed by a Virginia School teacher for his M.A. degree.....

Letters to Editor

FROM THE SLUMS

To the Editor:

In last week's edition of the Cooperator an article on page 4 relative to the condition of the lawns contained some supposedly subtle reference to the former residence of Greenbelt people in general as having been "in the slums."

The writer of that item may have allowed his own former condition of residence influence his choice of words. At any rate, the remark referred to could better have been omitted from the story.

— Lyman L. Woodman

"KEEP OFF"

To the Editor:

With regret our paper seems to agree with uninformed distant subscribers of other papers that Greenbelt is a "Haven" for "Slum Dwellers".

If Americans live in Greenbelt they will resent this article because it is unfair and degrading. Realizing our former inquiries and character research, it seemed to us to point toward a "Pioneer" rather than a "Parasite" community and if we are considered the latter, why then Greenbelt is a failure; much to the grief of our President and First Lady as they believe that we represent a cross section of Americans who have made our U.S.A.

— Joe O'Leary

"THE BEST LAID PLANS—"

To the Editor:

Two letters in the February 15 issue of the Cooperator discussed the basis for the distribution of dividends of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. Each of the writers had already fully presented his views at the stockholders meeting where I was barred by a parliamentary technicality from presenting mine. I trust that because of these circumstances you will be kind enough to permit me to use your columns to present my proposal.

I wished to suggest that the dividends be divided so that non-members and partially paid subscribers would receive only half the amount received by those who owned a fully paid-up share.

I believe adoption of this plan would have brought additional needed capital into the corporation.

First: Because many owners of partially paid shares and perhaps some who had made no payments would purchase a full share in order to receive the maximum amount on the slips already accumulated, and

Second: Those who received less than members on this first or future dividends would have some motive to impel them to make up the difference in order that they might have title to a share and receive the full benefits on future dividends.

One of the letters pointed out that any plan other than equal distribution would be contrary to cooperative principles in that "member owners would profit from the non-owners business." Personally I can see nothing wrong with this way of doing business, which is the usual way in this country. While capitalism has its evils I am far from believing any system yet proposed surpasses it and I have read of no other cooperative that shares its earnings equally with non-members.

But how about those who have bought a share, their money was used to retire borrowed capital upon which we were paying 4 per cent, yet they receive only 3 per cent. He is receiving a lower rate of interest and making larger profits possible yet is to receive no more than those who have not put up a cash dime.

Aside from a willingness to sacrifice for the advancement of the Cooperative Movement there is only one inducement for buying or retaining title to a share and that is to obtain the right to vote at the quarterly meetings of stockholders.

Frankly I am worried about the present situation. The lack of inducement to buy a share also means a lack of inducement for continuing to own one. I fear that many who own shares will cash them in and that many of those who get title to a share the easy dividend way will immediately surrender them for ready cash.

It is probably my rugged individualism that makes the present plan seem screwy to me. I am afraid I shall not see my error until the Credit Union starts dividing its profits among those who borrow along with those who own paid up shares and the Health Association starts giving its services to everybody for the monthly fee on the same basis it now provides for members who have paid their five-dollar membership fee.

— Peter J. Carroll

Credit is the curse of our people. The system of giving credit does not bring out the best in our people. If they had not the habit of depending on store credit, they would provide ahead the commodities and make for their own use many of the things they now buy because they are beguiled into improvident habits by what they think is easy credit. This is especially true of the tillers of the soil. All around them lies a great storehouse of unused materials. The rise of store credit coincided the decline of the crafts.

— Maritime Cooperator

Welcome to Greenbelt

The following is a list of new arrivals to Greenbelt. The Cooperator takes this opportunity to extend the hand of welcome to:

Mr. Walter J. Cavanaugh	12-C Parkway
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leach	42-C Crescent Road
Mr. William Long	9-M Parkway
Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Roshon	3-A Eastway
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rowett	16-D Crescent Road

LIBRARY CORNER

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Thursday	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The book circulation for adults during the month of January amounted to 619 non-fiction, and 1224 fiction. Total attendance, both adult and juvenile, was 4537. Since June 10, 1939, 2288 books have been acquired, and there has been an attendance of 23953. Collections amounting to \$85.98 were received in the form of late, replacement, and damage fees.

WITH THE PLAYERS

This Saturday at 4:00 P.M. marks the Greenbelt Players' debut on the air over WJSV. At this time the Players will present as their offering in the CBS radio play series, "And The Angels Sang." Among those working in the drama are: William A. Kinsley, director; John P. Murray, author and advisor; Elizabeth Goldfaden; Jane Cosby, Marcia Kinsley; Lydalu Palmer; and Joseph Maynard. William Neblett of Greenbelt will furnish the organ interludes. Tune in Saturday and hear your town's dramatis personae in "And The Angels Sang."

Last Saturday, Fordyce Lyman guided the F.B.I. group in their tournament play, "Thunder over Mexico." Those who listened in were quite favorably impressed with that "south of the border" story. It is reported that Mr. Lyman and Lawrence Larmore both took several parts in the play.

"Bury The Dead" enters the formal preparedness stage this week, with rehearsals scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Director Nat Schein welcomes more male characters to handle several of the smaller parts in this war theme.

SPOTLIGHT:
Did you know that Joe Muller (the effervescent hotel manager in "Room Service") has written extensively about lumber, wood fibre, wood texture, its cultivation, etc. At least one article was published in a British periodical of considerable dignity.

WASHINGTON CALENDAR:
The Foreign Language Cinema at Pierce Hall, 15th and Harvard Streets, brings on February 24, "Unsterblicher Walzer", with music by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. (8:00 P.M.--40 cents)

During the week beginning February 26, Cornelia Otis Skinner will entertain in "Edna His Wife" at the National Theatre. (8:30 P.M.--55 cents and up)

Keep in mind that Luise Rainer will probably appear with the Civic Theatre in Washington next month in George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan."

— Lyman L. Woodman

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GREENBELT THEATRE

Thursday and Friday, Feb. 22 & 23



THE HOUSEKEEPER'S DAUGHTER
with
JOAN BENNETT
ADOLPHE MENJOU
PEGGY WOOD - JOHN HUBBARD

SPECIAL STAGE ATTRACTION
MAGIC BY RICARDO
One Show Nightly — 8:45 P. M.

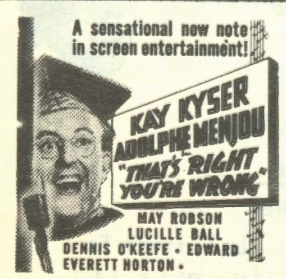
Saturday, Feb. 24

One Day Only



Sunday and Monday

Feb. 25 & 26



February's Picture



"Little Miss Goldilocks", taken by Eugene Walsky, 24-D Crescent Road, is the winning Camera Club-Cooperator Photograph Contest picture this month.

This is the second in a series of monthly contests held by the local club. Other pictures of merit entered in the contest for February are on display in the Library.

The subject for the February contest was "Children". At the regular meeting of the Camera Club February 13 Mr. Walsky was awarded first prize of two packages of 11x4 enlarging paper; L. M. Pittman won second prize of two packages of 8x10 paper and Earl Thomas and Will Meade tied for third place with a prize of a package of 5x7 paper each.

The next meeting will be February 27 in Room 222 of the school.

THE POET'S CORNER

"Why join the Health Association?"
Queried Oscar Bloke.
"My health's the marvel of the nation;
Do you know another joke?"
The next week Oscar was quite ill;
Result—a nice, big doctor's bill.

"Join the Credit Union—why?"
Asked Mortimer De Staff.
"I can borrow easy as pie;
Hand me another laugh."
The next week Mortimer needed dough,
But every single bank said "No!"

"Buy a share in the Co-op? No!"
Said frugal Abner Snair.
"I've got better use for my dough;
Peddle your stock elsewhere."
But Abner wasn't much to blame;
He got his dividends just the same.
— Chaz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, February 22		
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Friday, February 23		
Credit Union	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Basketball game	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Citizens Association (Milk Committee)	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, February 24		
Gun Club	2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27-A Ridge Rd.
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Parkway
Basketball (Girls)	4:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Basketball	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Square Dance	9:30 P.M.	Jr. Recreation
Sunday, February 25		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Economics
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Music Room
Gun Club	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Range
Latter Day Saints	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Monday, February 26		
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Parkway
P.-T.A.	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Girls Scouts #18	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Duplicate Bridge	8:00 P.M.	Room 204
Tuesday, February 27		
Girl Scouts #17	3:15 P.M.	Social Room
Bowling League	7:30 P.M.	College Park
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 222
Welfare Committee	8:00 P.M.	Room 200
Wednesday, February 28		
Holy Name Society	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Book Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 200
Gun Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 226
Citizens Association		
Executive Committee	8:00 P.M.	Room 223
Junior Choir	7:00 P.M.	Music Room



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The milk problem now facing us may well prove to be a blessing in disguise. It will if the Maryland Milk Consumer's Committee, created to attack the problem, succeeds in its effort to unite milk consumers of this district into a solid purchasing group able to deal effectively with distributors.

Certainly an extraordinary opportunity is being presented us all to demonstrate that we can join our forces to solve a common problem. By pooling our buying power and using that power to insist that the price spread from the producer to the consumer be lowered to the minimum, we will not only solve the present milk problem but we will also give a very dramatic demonstration of the strength of united action—the sort of action for which our form of government in general, and consumer cooperation in particular, stands.

Already much of the demonstration has been made. A strong group of consumers has been organized.

Aggressive negotiations have been carried on. A highly favorable agreement is about to be put into effect. If nothing else were done this could be pointed to with pride as a noteworthy example of the progress we are making in the ability to handle our own business.

However the greatest test of that ability is still to come. It will come when the distributors start reeling out the bait to lure individual consumers away from their group. Already price concessions are being made to those who ask for them, in spite of public statements to the contrary. Later on cream may be added to the milk, and finally the regular price may be cut drastically (similar lures were used in the early days of Greenbelt to attract business; those were days of ten cent, super-rich milk).

Certainly a certain number of the group will swallow the bait—hook, line, and sinker—and be drawn away.

The question is, will the group itself become so disintegrated as to become once more ineffective? If it does, then prices will undoubtedly go up again, as they did before. If it does not, if it keeps itself together and fights to the bitter end to see that fundamentally economic prices are established and maintained then the success will be taken toward the time an economic democracy will be a reality.
— Howard C. Custer

Martin Rosenzweig of 4-E Crescent Road celebrated his fifth birthday on Monday, February 12, with a small party for his playmates. Those present were: Misses Ann Goodman, Lynn Perchick, Shirley Henderson, and Masters John Schaffer, and John Nagle.

Personal Advertisements

RIDERS WANTED: Leave Greenbelt 7:30 A.M. Leave vicinity G.W.U. about 7:15. J. Beebe, 18-A Crescent.

LOST—Silver Waterman Pen, last Wednesday, between B-Block and School. Finder please return to 33-I Ridge Road, or phone 4571.

Co-op Question Box

GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES

HEALTH ASSOCIATION CREDIT UNION

- Q. If a member of the credit union leaves Greenbelt, what should he do about his loan?
- A. The first thing to do is to notify the credit union, in writing if possible, giving the date of departure and the new address. Before leaving arrangements should be made with the treasurer as to how the loan will be paid off. Terms can be arranged in special cases, or payments can be continued by mail.
- ooOoo
- Q. Why do not the present monthly dues of the Health Association cover all medical and surgical and hospital care?
- A. Eventually we plan to cover all these risks, but we cannot attempt this until our membership has become large enough to spread the added risk broadly and bring the cost figure within reason. Other cooperative plans with more than five times our present membership cost two and one-half times as much in monthly dues for complete coverage.
- ooOoo
- Q. Will I get two per cent patronage return on the 1939 G.C.S. patronage slips I turn in?
- A. You will if two per cent of the purchases represented by all the 1939 slips turned in does not exceed \$2,000. If two per cent of the purchases represented by the slips turned in exceeds \$2,000 then the \$2,000 authorized to be distributed will be divided among those who turn in slips in proportion to their individual totals. In other words not more than \$2,000 will be distributed, and not more than a two per cent patronage return will be paid to any one individual. In effect the members decided that \$2,000 might be distributed, but that it was reasonable to make sure that this amount should be spread over a wide section of the patrons. There was no way of knowing how many patrons had saved their slips, especially considering the uncertainty of the value of the slips, so it seemed desirable to arrive at some such compromise arrangement as that adopted.



MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt

How'm I doing as a weather prophet? I sing a swan song to winter and it snows again. I play a tentative tootle on the pipes of Pan and it rains cold rain. I have a friend who thinks it was a pity that I didn't save my ode to spring until July, because we would really have appreciated a nice snow-storm then! I have, however, taken quite enough back-talk about the whole thing, and would like to ask whether, if I promise to consult the almanac next time, we could just forget it?

And, anyway, want to bet this will be the last one?

— Peggie Arness

RECIPES

Mrs. Anne Hull tells me that when she got ready to make a pie, she tackled the crust with misgivings which were more than often justified. But that was before she located the following recipe. She says it's never failed for her and has completely cured what she called her "doldrums".

2 cups all-purpose flour 6 tblsps. boiling water
1/2 tsp. salt 2/3 cups shortening

Sift flour; measure and sift again with salt. Add boiling water to shortening; beat with fork. Add flour all at once; continue stirring vigorously until mixture forms large smooth ball that cleans the sides of the bowl. Chill thoroughly before using. Sufficient for one 2-crust 9-inch pie or 2 fluted 9-inch pastry shells.

Mrs. Hull also tells me that this pastry doesn't resent handling, which is sometimes a help.

Mrs. Jessie Letkeman once spent a summer in a camp and came away swearing that she'd never eat chipped beef again. Obviously, the camp cook lacked imagination, since Mrs. Letkeman has since found this recipe and considers it so good that she is willing to pass it along to you. It sounds nice, I think, and would suggest that, for a real difference in flavor, you try it out some evening and surprise the man-about-the-house.

Boil sweet potatoes, four or five; allow to cool and slice. In a casserole, put a layer of the sweet potatoes, topped by a layer of chipped beef. Spread over this a white sauce, to which has been added a bit of minced or grated onion. Fill the casserole, alternating layers of sweet potatoes, chipped beef and sauce. On top sprinkle buttered bread crumbs and bake in a hot oven until brown on top. Serve in the casserole, and next time make twice as much so that you can take care of second helpings from enthusiastic families.

If you'd like to learn how to grow better vegetables and prettier flowers, join one of the Garden Club groups.

County Youth Will Surely Suffer

We take pleasure in quoting in its entirety an editorial appearing in the Prince Georges Post. It so nearly represents our feelings that we felt we could do no better than pass it on to you.

"It may be trite, but it is nonetheless a fact, to say that milk, primarily, is the essential food for everyone. Why? Because it contains all the food substances—carbohydrates, proteins, minerals, fats, vitamins and water. Maryland is definitely a dairy State. It produces milk and cream in great quantities. Therefore there is no scarcity of the product to warrant a boost in prices.

To increase the price of milk, as was recently done following the Government's agreement with Maryland milk distributors, means that the youth of the county and State is going to be deprived of a certain percentage of this most vital food.

In the first two years of a child's life, he grows more in proportion than at any other period. Starting out at birth weighing seven pounds, he will increase his weight six times in the two-year period. This development is due chiefly to his milk intake.

Statistics show that every child in the teen age should be receiving at least one quart of milk a day. If, however, prices are hiked upward, the older children in the family will of necessity have to suffer a reduction of the milk they ordinarily would consume.

Should the price of such a vital food be increased when the lives of our future citizens are so deeply affected?

We leave it up to you who read and buy.

What methods are you going to take to protest this outrageous discrimination?"

Greenbelt's New Babies

Three babies were born in the Greenbelt Hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Sanchez, 4-F Southway, are parents of a son born February 10 at 10:12 A.M. The baby has been given the name of Edmund Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. Constantino Bellezza, 36-B Crescent Road announce the birth of a daughter, Marie Valentine, at 12:12 A.M. on Valentine's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Angulovic, of Berwyn announce the birth of a boy at 9:02 P.M. February 16.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

The Better Buyer Leaders held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Loftus, February 15. Mrs. Bernice Brautigam reviewed the Consumer Education Journal, a new publication dealing with consumer problems.

Mrs. Eva Laakso conducted a model discussion on butter from which members learned that butter is not butter if it has less than 82 per cent butter fat and more than 16 per cent water.

The executive committee has plans for a social in the not too distant future.

The compilation of a Household Hints Scrapbook was started by Mrs. Carl Jernberg's Better Buyers group at the regular meeting on February 13. Each member is urged to bring her contribution to the weekly meetings.

Will You Stick or Get Stuck

You're well on your way toward a sane solution of your milk problem. You've demonstrated your ability to see through a situation, to help your neighbor as well as yourself and to stand together for some sort of economic justice. You've demonstrated your brains and the Better Buyers can be justly proud of themselves and those others who have joined hands with them.

The meeting tomorrow night will probably see a great many things settled and you may feel yourselves out of the woods. And so you are—unless you lose the common sense which helped you get out of the woods. I don't have to tell you what a price war is, nor do I have to tell you that it is never waged for the benefit of the consumer. There's not one of us who hasn't seen prices go scooting down, taken advantage of the lower prices with a certain lifted eyebrow, and then seen them go rocketing skyward again when the objective has been gained. And the objective—remember—is never the consumer's gain!

I don't want to make a doleful prophesy, but I'll be a very surprised gal if some of the dairies who don't get the buying agreement find it extremely expeditious to drop the price of milk. You've been told by the dairies that the price of milk has gone up because they "couldn't afford to sell milk at the old price due to the advanced prices on the milk bought wholesale". The situation will not have changed, so you'll know that isn't the reason for the drop. You'll know—you'll be bound to know!—that the only reason for a drop in price from any dairy outside the buying combine is to break the back of the buying co-op.

I'm terribly afraid that some of you who have signed the purchasing agreement are going to fall for milk at a lower price than your buying club can give you. I'm so afraid some of you are going to say, "Well, I have to make every penny stretch as far as I can, and if I can save a few cents on milk by buying from Blank's Dairy, I'm going to do it."

And if you do, and the back of the buying club is broken because of your action, and then the price of milk goes back to thirteen cents a quart and higher, and our dairy which has been awarded the bid because of best quality and price loses money on us and walks out and refuses to touch us with a ten foot pole, it will just be a rotten shame. Not just because you've let us down with a bump, not just because you've let the dairies sell us down the river and yourself with the rest of us, but because you'll have destroyed a theory which idealists say is true—that humans are naturally cooperative and are intelligent enough to see the wisdom of pulling together, and you will have demonstrated the truth of another theory which says that humans are essentially selfish and too near-sighted to see an ultimate good. You'll have given the lie to everything we're trying to build up in Greenbelt, you'll have given the lie to the brotherhood of man, you'll have given the lie to the old cartoon of the two donkeys tied together who practically strangled themselves trying to eat opposite piles of hay until they got the idea of both eating one pile and then both going on to the other. You'll have given the lie to the trick that children do with a pair of scissors, where they make a few snips on a folded paper, give a flip to the paper and there is a long line of little boys or girls holding hands. The symbol of cooperation. And if you are the weak link in that chain, and you break and make of the rest of us nothing but scrap paper—boy, are we going to hate your guts!

HOW MUCH AIR IS IN YOUR ICE CREAM

If you want to know how much actual ice cream there is in a quart, weigh it, advised the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the AAA.

"All ice cream contains some air," says the Guide, "but sometimes you may be getting more air than cream."

"The Federal Government, when it buys, specifies that ice cream must weigh at least 4½ pounds a gallon."

"One final hint: Ice cream sold in the bulk, and scooped out of the freezer, contains less air than ice cream packed at the factory. The scooping and packing forces the air out. For this reason ice cream may cost more in the bulk."

"Teach Children How To Buy"

Miss Hoffman Urges

The February 15 meeting of the Mothers Club was addressed by Miss Ollie Hoffman on the topic: "They Learn Today for Tomorrow They Buy", which stressed several points in teaching a child how to buy. The group enjoyed vocal solos by the Misses Betty Andrus and Theresa Hedges, the former singing "In the Luxemburg Gardens" and latter "The Last Rose of Summer". Mrs. Jessie Fair played two piano selections and explained the modern method of teaching group music which was especially interesting to all mothers present.

Miss Hoffman's first point in training children to buy was to teach them to know quality and to take pride in having it. Teaching them to read good books, to attend good movies and to listen to good symphonies on the radio would lead them to recognize and patronize quality everywhere.

Miss Hoffman said, "It pays to know quality. Buying quality keeps the best manufacturer in business, and the fly-by-night, get-rich-quick manufacturer is put out of business by quality buyers."

If a manufacturer finds that people do not like his goods, he does one of three things:

1. Finds a way to the customers' taste—a way to make them like his goods.
2. Changes his article or brand.
3. Goes out of business.

With children and children's goods, he finds it simple to do the first by offering prizes, and gifts such as radio programs offer.

Teach a child how to recognize good advertising, it can tell:

1. About new products and how they are used.
2. How a product is made and why you may find it useful.
3. New uses for old products.

Trained buyers and customers save time and money. They keep the honest man in business and help him to be a good community builder."

Milk - Movies - Merriment

Better Buyers scored another hit at their last public meeting February 13.

Planned, as the chairman of the program, Mrs. Bernice Brautigam said, "like a well balanced meal" the program commenced with a cocktail—a movie on sugar; a main dish—discussion on milk; and the dessert—a skit "Our Anti-Gossip Club".

The movie told not only the story of sugar but touched on the rehabilitation of the natives in the Virgin Islands through government aid.

The milk discussion followed a short introduction by Dr. Shorb, chairman of the Maryland Consumers Milk Committee. Of special interest was the milk tasting test which included some six or seven quarts of milk ranging from ordinary Grade A to Homogenized Vitamin A. Among the tasters were several good guessers but opinions varied greatly. For example the same brand of milk received such diverse comment as "too watery", "not so creamy", "too creamy", etc.

Practically everyone in the audience signed the buying club petition.

The dessert or grand finale of the evening—the skit "Our Anti-Gossip Club" played by Better Buyers and directed by Miss Ollie Hoffman—offered strong competition to the Greenbelt Players.

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Finished

Wearing Apparel 18c lb. Flatwork 6c

Shirts 12c (Not Weighed In)

ATHLETIC BANQUET

(Continued from Page 1)

whole-hearted efforts and cooperation of all the members and the various committees.

President Neblett proceeded to introduce all the new officers and block representatives, and congratulated the members of the banquet committee for the swell job they did this year. After George Bauer, first president of the Athletic Club, said a few words, giving credit to Cliff Cockill for the banquet idea, Mr. Mabey presented cups and trophies to the winners of the various teams of the past year. Drew Conklyn of J-Block accepted the cups awarded to the volleyball champs of 1939, and Beale, captain of the J-Block team, took the softball champs' cup. The other J-Block team took the softball runner-up position, and B-Block received a plaque for finishing third.

Mr. Mabey introduced the out-of-town guests and those on the staff of the town of Greenbelt: Doctors Still and Silagy, Harvey Vincent, O. Kline Fulmer, Roy Braden, George H. Thomas, and Bryan Bell, chief of the Associated Press of Washington, guest speaker. Mr. Bell gave a very interesting talk of his experiences and travels around the country, pointing out the highlights in his career, and a good story injected now and then.

Birdie Tebbetts, catcher for the Detroit Tigers, concluded the speeches for the evening, and then everybody's attention was turned to the stage, where George W. Farmer, magician, mystified his audience with an array of well executed tricks that had everyone scratching their heads in bewilderment.

The motion picture "Champion of the Gridiron" was the final event of the evening, and everyone went home well pleased.

Congratulations to Mrs. Anna Lewis and her fellow workers, the women of the Community Church, for the excellent manner in which they handled the serving of the dinner. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, turkey, dressing, creamed potatoes and peas, salad, rolls, apple pie, coffee and cigars.

Greenbelt Bowling League

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PINFALL
Musketeers	43	23	33696
Lions	42	24	31892
Crescents	41	25	32455
Starlight #1	39	27	32249
Buckaroos	38	28	31345
Consumer Services	38	28	31315
Starlight #2	36	30	29849
Cardinals	35	31	31635
Eagles	33	33	31583
Jaguars	32	34	32964
Scribes	32	34	28396
Holi-Rollers	25	41	30004
Knights of Columbus	25	41	29768
American Legion	25	41	29623
Romans	23	43	27672
Blues	21	45	30352

High Team Game - Musketeers 587; Lions 585.
High Team Set - Musketeers 1665; Lions 1625.
High Ind. Game - Temple 171; Lastner 151.
High Ind. Set - Temple 415; MacEwen 380.
High Strikes - Temple 48; Lasnter 35.
High Spares - Temple 187; Milbrook 146.
High Flat Game - Allen 95; H. Wood, Miller and Donohue 94.
High Ind. Aver. - Temple 119; Araujo 107-58; Milbrook 107-21; Lastner 106-11; Henshaw 105-15; Dickhaut 104-40.

BOWLING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 27, 1940

Alleys 1 and 2 - Cardinals vs. Starlight #2 7 P.M.
3 and 4 - Buckaroos vs. Cons. Serv. 7 P.M.
5 and 6 - Lions vs. Amer. Leg. 7 P.M.
7 and 8 - Musketeers vs. Scribes 7 P.M.
1 and 2 - Eagles vs. Holi-Rol. 9 P.M.
3 and 4 - K. of C. vs. Starlight #1 9 P.M.
5 and 6 - Jaguars vs. Crescents 9 P.M.
7 and 8 - Blues vs. Romans 9 P.M.

Greenbelt Women Bowlers

TEAMS	W	L	H.G.	H.S.	PINFALL
Holbrook	17	9	517	1008	12053
Starlight	15	11	518	1004	12083
Arcade Sunshine	14	12	488	963	12025
Outlaws	10	14	510	993	10923
Robins	8	18	493	930	11523

High Team Game - Starlight 518; Holbrook 517.
High Team Set - Holbrook 1008; Starlight 1004.
High Ind. Ave. - Dove 90-23; Martone 85-12.
High Game - Wofsey 128; Timmons 123.
High Set - Wofsey 213; Dove 205.
High Flat Game - Ahasey - 93; Abrahams and Green 87.
High Strikes - Dove 8; Livingstone 4.
High Spares - Dove 28; Witcher 21.

This coming Saturday the Women's Volleyball team will play the Internal Revenue team. How about a victory gals?

BOX SCORE

GREENBELT	POS	G	F	PTS	SHERWOOD	POS	G	F	PTS
Andrus	f	1	0	2	Cissel	f	3	1	1
Carson	f	0	0	0	Jennings	f	5	3	13
Clark	f	0	1	1	Fluckek	c	0	1	0
Underwood	c	3	0	6	Brown	c	0	0	0
Porter	g	3	0	6	Thompson	c	0	0	0
Bell	g	0	0	0	Carroll	g	1	0	2
Egli	g	4	0	8					
Buck	f	0	0	0					
Alexander	f	2	1	5					
Aherns	f	0	0	0					
TOTALS		13	2	28					10 5 25

SPORTS

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Grizzlies Tame Sherwood

The Greenbelt High School Grizzlies chalked up another victory last February 13, when they defeated a good Sherwood outfit by a 28-25 score.

Tuesday afternoon Greenbelt's good all around teamwork was a fine feature of the game, although Jennings, fast forward of Sherwood, was high scorer with 13 points.

Greenbelt Women Drop First Game

The Greenbelt Women's Representative Basketball Team played their first outside game Saturday at the Y.W.C.A. in Washington, and were defeated by the Y.W.C.A.'s Business Girls Team 27 to 16.

The Greenbelt Team had a fine passing attack, but could not find the basket. The Y.W. Business Girls Team was a very tall, fast breaking outfit. They will play a return game with Greenbelt here Saturday, March 2. Last year Greenbelt beat the Y.W.C.A. Team in both of the games played.

TEAM LINEUPS

GREENBELT	POS	PTS	Y.W.C.A.	POS	PTS
Burke	F	2	Benda	F	8
Bowman	F	0	Leek	F	0
Walker	F	10	Sprainer	F	0
Kramer	F	2	Piliwicz	F	6
Olson	F	2	Nalepanick	F	2
Fitzmaurice	G	0	Bales	F	9
Dennard	G	0	Sayai	G	0
Platner	G	0	Bunkhard	G	0
Underwood	G	0	Lang	G	0
DiPietro	G	0	McKenzie	G	0
			Aicheman	G	0
			Scott	G	0
			Macon	G	0
TOTAL		16			27

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWCOMB

The Elementary School Girls continued with their Newcomb Tournament this past week, and on Wednesday, Patty Bell's team played a double-header and went down in defeat in both games. Ora Donoghue's team won the opening game by a 10 to 1 count, and Ruth Bridges' team defeated them in the second game 17 to 6.

On Saturday, Patty's team defeated Betty Simcoe's in a surprise victory. Previously, Betty's team had won all their games. Up until the half Betty's team was leading by a score of 12 to 3. In the last half the favored team didn't score a point, while Patty's team scored 11 points, making the final score 14 to 12.

In the second game Saturday, Ora's team defeated Ruth Bridges' team 12-10. Ora's team seemed to gain renewed pep in the last two minutes of play and come out from behind to beat the losers. Up until this time, Ora's team had only scored 4 points against Ruth's 10.

TEAM STANDINGS

TEAM	GAMES	WON	LOST
Donoghue's	4	3	1
Simcoe's	3	2	1
Bell's	3	1	2
Bridge's	4	1	3

Reps Trims Georgetown

Greenbelt sport fans were treated to a full evening of basketball, Saturday, February 17, 1940 at the School Gym, when the Athletic Club staged a triple header between the 90 pound, 135 pound and unlimited quintets of Greenbelt and the Georgetown A.C.

In the first game the Georgetown 90 pound team completely outplayed our boys and defeated the Greenbelt School Team 32 to 13.

The Greenbelt Boys' Club 135 pound team came back in the second game and defeated Georgetown 24 to 22 to even up the count. This game really had the fans on the edge of their seats. Greenbelt trailed for three quarters, but really put on a burst of speed in the final quarter, and forged ahead to win. In the last few seconds Georgetown tried desperately to tie the score, and the whistle found them peppering the basket with long shots.

The Greenbelt Reps took the odd game of their triple header, by defeating the unlimited Georgetown team carrying the banner of the Washington Flour Company, 36-29. This game started out like a whirlwind, when Blanchard tipped the toss up to Marack who pivoted and passed to Francis McDonald, (Mickey to you), who cut under the basket and scored, putting Greenbelt ahead before the game was five seconds old. At the half, the Reps were leading 18 to 13. Due to numerous fouls and substitutions, Georgetown was charged with 15 fouls and Greenbelt with 12. When Wrenn, of the losers, failed to convert eight of ten free tries, he helped the Greenbelt's cause considerably. McDonald was high scorer for Greenbelt with 10 points. Giersch and Blanchard followed with 9 and 7 points respectively. The improved team play and passing of the Reps was noticeable in this game. Within the past few weeks Coach Resnick has been stressing team play and passing, and discouraging individual starrng efforts so noticeable the first part of the season. Nice going, boys, let's keep it up.

BOX SCORE

GREENBELT	POS	G	F	PTS	GEORGETOWN	POS	G	F	PTS
Cain	f	2	0	4	Sawtell	f	3	0	6
Wurl	f	2	1	5	Norris	f	1	0	2
Klesper	f	0	0	0	Wrenn	f	0	2	2
Marack	f	0	1	1	Poole	f	0	0	0
Abrahams	f	0	0	0	Brewer	c	2	0	4
Blanchard	c	3	1	7	Karvell	c	2	0	4
Barker	c	0	0	0	Gissell	g	1	0	2
McDonald	g	5	0	10	Harvell	g	0	0	0
Dunbar	g	0	0	0	Bradfield	g	4	0	8
Giersch	g	4	1	9	Abell	g	0	1	1
Alder	g	0	0	0	Casasoa	g	0	0	0
TOTALS		16	4	36			13	3	29

Women's Badminton Tournament

The second round of the Women's Badminton Tournament was completed last Thursday at the Gym when Burke defeated Conklyn 11 to 3, Fitzmaurice beat Kramer 11 to 9, Walker blanked Scordellis 11 to 0 Dungan trimmed DePietro 11 to 3, and 12 women drew byes.

The third round got under way immediately, and the following are some of the results: Underwood over Dennard 11-7 and 11-5; Ketcham over Fitzmaurice 11-9 and 11-2; Wofsey beat Pinckney 11-3, 4-11 and 11-5; Walker won by default; Talbot over Sansone 11-7 and 11-4; Martone defeated Bowman 11-8, 9-11 and 11-6; and Dungan beat Goldfaden 11-4 and 11-4.

All boys, 16 years old and over, who would be interested in boxing for Golden Glove Participation, are welcome at the home of Mr. J. Martone, of 13-U Ridge Road, any Saturday evening, after 6 P.M. for instruction in the art of fisticuffs.

BASEBALL SCHOOL

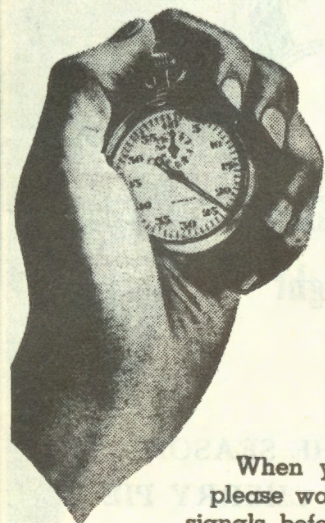
About 35 boys attended the opening class of the baseball school on Saturday, February 17, 1940. For the first two classes, the baseball rules will be discussed. Thereafter the positions will be covered and all knotty problems reviewed.

Mr. Braden has agreed to talk to the boys on March 2, and from time to time it is hoped that we will be able to have a prominent ball player talk to the boys.

The new time for the class is 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., on Saturdays in the Social Room of the Elementary School. All candidates for the baseball team are also urged to attend these classes.

The next two games of the Greenbelt Reps will be played on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. On Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 P.M. the Reps will be host to the Gallinger Hospital Internes at the local Gym. On Thursday, February 22 they journey to Washington, D.C. to play a Recreation League Game with the Mt. Rainier #2 quintet at the Eastern High Gym at 8:00 P.M.

The attendance for the four meetings of the Women's Gym Class last month totaled 270 while 333 attended the eight meetings of the men's athletic groups. Thirteen meetings were held in the Junior Recreation Room, with an attendance of 578.



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Our Town: Government

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"MANAGER BRADEN"

A source of confusion to many residents of Greenbelt is the dual nature of the jobs held by most of our town officials. The overlapping functions they perform seem to put them in the same class with Pooh-Bah, multi-officed functionary in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado". Actually no Greenbelt official is so encumbered with titles and functions as Pooh-Bah, and the set-up is not too difficult to understand.

Greenbelt has the only city manager form of government in the State of Maryland. This means that its various departments, public safety, sanitation, recreation, and so forth, are supervised by an expert in the field of municipal management. His position corresponds to that of general manager of a business concern. This "town manager" is elected for an indefinite term by the town council, and in general acts as that body's advisory expert. Each year he submits the budget to the Council for its approval or amendment. The town charter also gives him the right to appoint and remove heads of town departments and all other town employees.

The five members of the Town Council are elected at large by the citizens for a term of two years. Through ordinances and resolutions they shape the town policies which are carried out by the manager. No taxes may be levied, no appropriations or assessments made, and no money borrowed except with the Council's approval. It may acquire property, furnish public services, build and maintain public improvements. (Greenbelt's municipal hospital illustrates the working out of this latter function).

Meetings of the Council are presided over by the mayor, who is appointed by the council from among its members, and who represents the town at all official affairs.

What is unique in Greenbelt's case is that the Federal Government, through Farm Security Administration, owns all the land and buildings, and Federal representatives must therefore be on hand to look after Government interests. When the first town council set about in accordance with the charter to employ a town manager, it was apparent to everyone that Roy S. Braden, acting Community Manager for Farm Security, had the experience and ability for the job of town manager as well. It was particularly fortunate for the town that a man with 25 years' experience in the field of municipal management was willing to assume the town managership, in addition to his other duties and responsibilities, for the modest sum of \$1,000 offered by the council, half of which he last year turned back into the town budget.

In choosing department heads and other town employees Mr. Braden had occasion, in turn to make use of capable individuals already on the FSA payroll. Wallace F. Mabey, senior administrative assistant in the Federal classification, because also the town's director of public safety. J. W. Rabbit was selected to act as town treasurer in addition to his duties as accountant for FSA. Mr. Braden's private secretary, Winfield McCamy, acts also as town clerk. Rose M. Alpher, in charge of tenant selection for Farm Security, was appointed director of adult education. Harvey L. Vincent, town engineer, is one of the exceptions, being entirely on the town payroll.

O. Kline Fulmer, self-styled "country cousin" because he has no official standing as far as the town is concerned, has nevertheless performed such valuable service for it as designing and supervising the construction of the hospital. In his capacity with FSA as assistant community manager, he supervises maintenance work, but also performs a town function in Mr. Braden's absence, when he is deputized to act as city manager.

In unofficial capacity, our town engineer helped in the selection of books for the library. Angus McGregor, employed by Farm Security as landscape gardener, has found time to supply the town picnic areas with wood.

It is unusual for a town as small as Greenbelt to have the services of so many persons, acting in both official and unofficial capacities, who perform so much in return for little or nothing in the way of remuneration from us.

SIGEREST ARTICLE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

The recently appointed educational committee of the Greenbelt Health Association has as its objective "making Greenbelt citizens the best informed group in America on matters pertaining to public health." As a start toward this goal, four hundred and fifty copies of an article written by Dr. Henry E. Sigerist, professor of the history of medicine, at Johns Hopkins University will be distributed free to every other home along with this week's issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator.

Because of the importance of the subject discussed by Dr. Sigerist, the Wagner Health Bill, the committee decided to ask each recipient to read his or her copy and pass it along to their next-door neighbor. This is the only way complete town coverage could be secured with the limited funds available.

The committee plans to hold open meetings each Friday night. Any member of the Greenbelt Health Association may attend and participate in these discussions. Constructive criticism and suggestions will be appreciated. These suggestions will be passed on to the board of directors along with any criticism which is based on fact.

The Greenbelt Health Association has made a fine beginning. It is planned to make it the model for all future health associations.

BETTY BONE WILL REVIEW "CAPITAL CITY"

On February 28, the Book Club will hold its next regular meeting. The program will be a review of "Capital City", by Mrs. Betty Bone.

This meeting was originally scheduled for February 14 but was postponed due to the inclement weather.

The meeting will be held in Room 200 in the Elementary School at 8:00 P.M.

MARKSMANSHIP CLASS NEXT WEEK

The Greenbelt Gun Club's second adults' marksmanship class will be held in school room 226 at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 28. The program for this class includes instruction on shooting positions, use of the gun sling, trigger squeeze, etc. The public is cordially invited to attend.

And one for the motorists: Experiments of a major taxicab company showed by "easing" up to red lights and then getting off with the green light without shifting gears saved anywhere from 7.8 to 30.5 per cent of the gasoline consumed.

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